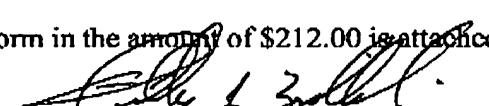
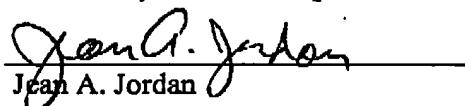


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Invention: Shielding Gas Filter For Welding Apparatus						
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Dear Sir:

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